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PEOPLE SHOULD UNITE ON THE PROPOSITION

So far as the Star can see, the proposition to build the railroad to Silver Springs meets with almost unanimous approval. Up to date we have failed to meet any citizen who did not favor it.

The only diversity of opinion seems to be as to the size and shape of the enterprise. Some favor building the road as quickly and cheaply as possible—others want it to be a large and elaborate structure, combined with other municipal utilities.

Whatever we do, let's go to work and do it. It will be better to have a well equipped trolley line in connection with the combined city and electric plant, but it is better to put in a light railway with a gasoline motor than to wait four or five years for a more elaborate structure. What we have we should have right away. A well-equipped trolley line in operation, say by 1918, will not save for the merchants and people generally the freight money which the gasoline motor can save them in 1916. Waiting and discussing will not take people to the springs for ten or twenty cents the round trip next summer. It should be remembered that if a light railway is laid in six months, a heavier one can take its place with no interruption to traffic whenever the people are ready to build it.

The people of Ocala are too much given to discussion. They are now wrangling about the location of the water and electric plant while their out of date engines at the water plant are in danger of breaking down, and the machinery of the electric plant is worked to its full capacity with no margin for added business. They fiddle while Rome burns.

Lets quit so much everlasting chewing the rag and do something.

With the exception of the St. Petersburg Times, not a paper in the state which has commented on the state census, the report of which has just been published, has expressed any faith in the accuracy of the enumeration or satisfaction with the result as it pertains to its particular town.—Miami Herald.

The Star has no kick on the census. It believes the census takers did their work faithfully, and any inaccuracy in the returns was due less to them than to the people.

Before we finish talking about the fair, let us not forget to give credit to one faithful and efficient worker—Mrs. Anna Tweedy, the assistant secretary. Mrs. Tweedy certainly did the work of a man and a half during the rush. For over a month before the fair, she was in her office from morning until almost midnight. She showed good sense and management in all the matters entrusted to her care, and deserves the full appreciation of the fair directors and the public.

The story of the Turkish submarine, which held up a British passenger ship, but which not only permitted it to depart unharmed, but made every effort to save a number of its demoralized passengers, who, expecting the fate of the Lusitania and Ancona, plunged overboard, is refreshing, and we hope it is true. A couple of years ago, this is the conduct we should have expected from the Germans and Austrians and should not have expected from the Turks.

Probably the most interesting article to the most people in this issue of the Star is the list of premiums won by ladies for embroidery, fancy work, etc., at the Marion County Fair. That we are able to publish it is owing to the kindness of Mrs. J. D. Rooney, who sat up till midnight Monday night, putting the copy in shape for the printer.

It is of particular necessity that every member of the Board of Trade attend the special meeting tomorrow evening.

Henry Ford has invited Governor Trammell to go with him on his peace ship, and the governor has very sensibly declined. Mr. Trammell told the Star a few weeks ago that he was

in favor of preparedness, but, unluckily for himself, Ford doesn't read the Star.

STATE CANDIDATES ARE CIRCULATING

There is a great deal too much criticism of candidates for office who attend such public occasions as the county fairs and the press associations. To read some of our papers, anyone would think that a candidate was committing a disgraceful act to attend any public occasion and mingle with the people. On the contrary, we should all be glad of a system of government that brings candidates and people so close together.

Take the Marion County Fair, for instance. Last week, we had Messrs. Bryan, Trammell, Gilchrist and Wall, candidates for the Senate, Commissioner of Agriculture McRae, Treasurer Luning and Superintendent Sheats, all candidates for re-election, Messrs. Thagard and Angle, candidates for controller, and several minor candidates whom we haven't time to mention. Of course, they were all looking after their fences while here, but why shouldn't they? Isn't it part of the game?

So far as the Star is concerned, it was glad to see them all, those it intends to vote for and those it intends to vote against. They are all clever men, it was pleasant to meet them and they helped to make the fair a success. They gave just as much as they received.

Lets quit sneering at the candidates that travel around and mix with the people. That is what the people want them to do. The governments where the officials can afford to keep apart from the people are not governments of the people, for the people, by the people.

COLUMBIA STATE PUTS IT IN A CAPSULE

The Columbia State sums up the question of national preparedness or unpreparedness as follows:

"To one of two things American citizens must school themselves: they must consent to a reasonable strengthening of the army and navy and to pay for it cheerfully out of their own pockets, or they must consent that their country and their flag be insulted and trampled upon by other nations as they will."

EAST COAST IS MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS OLD

Twenty years ago the east coast of Florida which is today such a highly developed, thickly populated, beautiful section, was a trackless waste. The change was wrought through the building of the Florida East Coast railway from Jacksonville to Miami. In the beginning the prospect was most inviting. Nobody lived along the east coast. There was no one down in that section except a few white families and a few hundred Indians. What need was there for a railroad through such a country?—Clearwater Sun.

Where did your honorable honor get that idea? If you had asked any well posted man from the East Coast, he would have told you better.

Twenty-eight years ago last summer the writer went down the East Coast from New Smyrna to Miami in a sailboat. The East Coast was then, and had been for years, a favorite winter resort of northern tourists, and the banks of the Halifax, Hillsborough and Indian rivers were studied thick with towns and homesteads. Flourishing orange groves were numerous, and "Indian River Oranges" had a great reputation in New York. Ormond, Daytona, Hawks Park, Titusville, Cocoa, Rockledge, Eau Gallie, Melbourne, Jupiter, Palm Beach and many other places were young and flourishing towns. New Smyrna was a hundred years old and Port Orange had existed for two score years. Titusville was the terminus of one of the best equipped railroads in Florida. There were two lines of steamers on Indian river and scores of excellent hotels doing business on the banks.

More than that. The people who lived in that favored region in those days, if they had not quite so many conveniences as now, had as much or more solid prosperity.

FUNERAL OF MR. CARMICHAEL

The last rites over the remains of the late George A. Carmichael took place this morning, the funeral services being held at 10 o'clock at the residence. The impressive and solemn services were conducted by Rev. Bunyan Stephens of the Baptist church of this city and Rev. N. B. Plummer of the Baptist church at Anthony.

A choir, composed of Mrs. D. E. McIver, Mrs. C. E. Winston and Mr. J. J. Gerig sang most sweetly, "Abide with Me" and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Few if any funerals in Ocala were ever as largely attended as was Mr. Carmichael's, and we do not ever remember to have seen more beautiful flowers or more of them.

The people filled the house, the veranda and the entire street in front of the house, and among those who came to pay their respects to their dead friend and neighbor were representatives from all walks of life, among them many out of town people and colored people, leaders of their race in the city, as well as many who had been employees or beneficiaries of the deceased.

The flowers were very beautiful, and came from all over the city and the green houses of Jacksonville, among them being some magnificent designs. The flowers were taken to the cemetery in a huge automobile truck.

Hundreds of people who had gathered at the residence followed the remains to the cemetery and remained there until the benediction was pronounced and the remains lowered into the massive concrete vault where the body will lie in its long sleep beside Mr. Carmichael's daughter, Mrs. Badger, who died a few years ago.

When the vault was covered and sealed and the flowers placed upon it they entirely covered it.

The ladies of the Eastern Star attended the funeral in a body, standing in a double row from the gate to the steps of the residence.

The pall bearers were Messrs. Jake Brown, J. H. Spencer, Alfred Ayer, Elmer DeCamp, H. A. Fausett and J. P. Galloway.

As a tribute to Mr. Carmichael, who for more than a quarter of a century was a member of the city council and whose son, Mr. Ed. Carmichael, was one of the first chiefs of the famous volunteer fire department, Chief Chambers had the hose wagon and most of the firemen follow in the parade and attend the funeral.

An Ocala citizen, who travels around much and meets many people, says, on returning from a trip to West Florida, that Catts is strong out that way, and he believes that the only candidate who can beat him for governor is Will Knott. If West Florida wishes Catts on us, the remainder of the state will be justified in seceding. The gentlemen also think that Trammell will win for senator. It is an undoubted fact that Mr. Trammell is more of a vote getter than Bryan. Mr. Bryan is reserved, and while he is courteous to all men, he does not overflow with cordiality toward a man he never met before as he does a well-known friend. As we have said before, Nat Bryan is not good at advertising himself. And he has done several unpopular things just because he believed it was his duty to do them. The Star prefers that sort of a man. Sometimes the mass of the voters does not.

Kitchener is again in England and again at work, which shows that the wise ones who talked of his being fired out of his office and going to Egypt or India, didn't know what they were talking about.

Capt. W. H. DeLong of Candler, one of that community's oldest and most highly respected citizens, is very ill and his death is not unexpected. Captain DeLong is over 86 years of age and has resided at Candler for 33 years, coming there from Illinois, in a dying condition, it was thought, but the Florida climate restored him to many years of health. He is the father of Mrs. John H. Mathews of Candler.

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MARION FARMS SOLD AGAIN

The Star is informed that the Marion Farms property has changed hands again, Mr. Ernest McLin selling the property to Mr. G. F. Aultman, a prominent citizen of Tampa. The Star does not know what the price was, but is told that Mr. McLin did not lose any money on his investment.

It is to be hoped that this deal will not prevent Mr. McLin from making his home here, as he and his family are very desirable as residents of this city.

PRIZES FOR PUMPKINS

Mr. Chas. R. Tydings, who takes an ethical as well as material interest in agriculture, offered three prizes for the three best pumpkins raised from seed purchased at his store and exhibited at the Marion Fair. These appreciated prizes were awarded as follows:

Mr. S. J. McCully, Berlin, \$10.

Mr. J. P. Phillips, Ocala, \$5.

Mr. J. M. Fennell, Kendrick, \$2.50.

This is substantial encouragement, and Mr. Tydings is to be praised for his public spirit.

HEADQUARTERS FOR HORSES AND HORSEMEN

It looks like Ocala has a strong chance to be winter quarters for many fine racehorses and their owners.

Although the fair is over, a score or more racehorses and their owners remain at the fair grounds, where they have comfortable quarters and the race track for exercise. They will probably remain until the midwinter fairs at DeLand, Orlando and Tampa take place.

BARGAIN DAY AT THE TEMPLE

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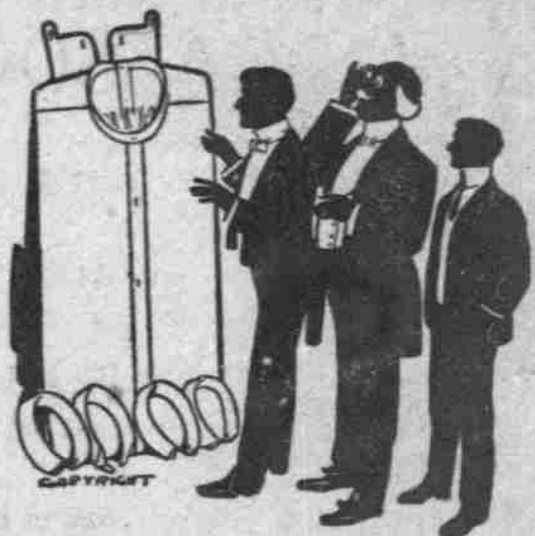
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